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WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21, 1876.

SENATE.

Mr. Frelinghuysen presented a petition of a large number of soldiers of the late war, asking the passage of the House bill for the equalization of bounties. Referred.

Mr. Anthony called up a resolution to print 5,000 extra copies of the document compiled by Major McDonald, Chief Clerk of the Senate, in regard to the count of the electoral votes from 1789 to 1873 inclusive.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Anthony that when the Senate adjourn on Friday it be to meet on Tuesday, the 26th, and unless otherwise then ordered, when it adjourns on the 26th it be to meet on the 27th, and that unless otherwise then ordered, when it adjourns on the 29th it be to meet on January 3d.

The resolution led to a long discussion, and after having been amended to read that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, 23d inst., it be to meet on Tuesday, 26th inst., and the amendment was agreed to, with a general understanding among Senators that the Senate would adjourn from Tuesday to Friday, and from Friday to Tuesday, January 2, 1877, without transacting any business.

Mr. Logan inquired of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance if there was any probability of any early report from that committee on the bill to provide for the issue of silver coin, and to make the silver dollar a legal tender. He said the House within the past few days had taken action on a similar bill, and it was important that the Senate should act.

Mr. Sherman, in reply, said the Committee on Finance had not yet had an opportunity to consider the subject, and had been delayed somewhat on account of the Silver Commission not having made its report, yet he had been told that the report of that commission would be made soon. He could assure Mr. Logan that so far as the Committee on Finance was concerned, the bill would be acted upon immediately after the holidays.

At the expiration of the morning hour, consideration of the resolution of Mr. Mitchell, authorizing an investigation into the appointment of Cronin as a Presidential elector in Oregon, was resumed, and Mr. Maxey spoke at length.

The Chair appointed as the special committee authorized by the foregoing resolution of Mr. Edmunds to devise means for the proper count of the vote for President and Vice President, in connection with a similar committee of the House, Messrs. Edmunds, Morton, Frelinghuysen, Logan, Thurman, Bayard and Ransom.

Mr. Davis called up the report of the conference committee on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill to provide for the expenses of the southern investigating committees. The committee of conference to give each House $35,000 to conduct the investigation ordered.

In the course of the discussion, Mr. Morton said $35,000 would not be sufficient, but there was an immediate demand for money, and he thought it as well to take the $35,000 now, with the understanding that at a future day more would be asked for. The report of the committee was then agreed to.

The Chair appointed Mr. Barnum on the Committee on Patents, and Mr. Johnston on the Committee on Manufactures, thus changing their places.

On motion of Mr. Davis, business was suspended and the Senate then paid as tribute of respect to the memory of Senator Caperton. Appropriate remarks were made by Messrs. Davis, Wright, Withers, Edmunds and others, and as a further mark of respect the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Platt offered a resolution for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charge made yesterday by Mr. Hewitt, that his letters had been tampered with in the New York postoffice. In connection with it, Mr. Platt sent to the Clerk's desk and had read a telegram from Postmaster James, pronouncing the accusation utterly and absolutely false.

After discussion of the resolution to investigate Mr. Hewitt's charges against the New York postoffice, the House refused to lay the previous question on the table as proposed by Mr. Buckner.

Mr. Springer moved that the committee now in New York, of which Mr. Cox is Chairman, be instructed to investigate the matter.

Mr. Hewitt stated the circumstances under which he made the charge. He said about a month ago he received a letter, the writer stating that he was an employee in the New York postoffice, and that he felt bound to communicate the fact that "some of the kettle" was at work on his letters. The only attention which he had felt called upon to pay to this anonymous letter was to observe closely the letters which he received, and he had considered that the unusual number of them presented the appearance of having been opened, the flaps of the envelopes presenting a somewhat "frazzled" appearance. He had called the attention of a gentleman in his office to the fact, and they had been able to put two classes of letters—those which had been apparently opened, and those that had not been. When he had come to Washington he was struck with the fact that letters received from Boston, Chicago and other points had a perfectly smooth surface on the flap of the envelope, while frequently letters from New York presented that corrugated appearance. He had happened to show to Parke Godwin, a friend of the postmaster, one of these envelopes, and asked him if it had not been opened. Godwin said it if it had not been opened he would be shocked. He had then asked Godwin to see Mr. James, in whose integrity he [Hewitt] had entire confidence, and whose valuable services should be retained without all unfitness in politics, and to mention the matter to him. He [Hewitt] wished the fullest investigation, but he did not think Mr. James would be or could be a party to any tampering with letters. He had shown two letters to a mercantile gentleman from Maine [Hale], and had pointed out the corrugated appearance of the envelopes, and Mr. Hale had told him he ought to call the attention of the House to the matter. He showed the letters to several others with; but it would be readily seen, from the nature of the case, that it would be hardly possibly to bring forward any other evidence than the facts that the letters had their appearance. He had, therefore, not stated it as a fact, nor did he now state it as a fact; but he had that suspicion, which amounted to belief, that his letters had been opened, and he had acted on that belief by sending by express special letters, and requesting gentlemen who had such special letters to forward their's by express. It may be thought he was taking unnecessary precaution; it might be his eyes deceived him; it might be that by an investigation we will be able to get at the facts, of which he had no knowledge. He had no objection, of course, to a committee of investigation, but he thought it probable that no good would come of it, and that no important facts would be discovered, hence he had not been willing to put the country to the expense of an investigation; but if it was the wish of the House or of the gentlemen on the other side to have one, he should cheerfully assist. Unfortunately, he had not thrown in the waste basket the anonymous letters, as he did with all anonymous letters. He received from ten to twenty a week, therefore its handwriting could not be identified. So too with the envelopes; they had been thrown away, and it was a remarkable fact that none of the letters received by him today presented any appearance of having been tampered with.

Mr. Kasson said he had favored the introduction of the resolution, not merely because it concerned the administration of an officer of the highest responsibility, but because the public confidence should not be destroyed without cause in the Postoffice Department. During his own connection with that department at the opening of the late war no secret was the more inviolability of correspondence that, although repeated representations were made by local postmasters as to the importance of examining hostile proceedings through letters deposited in the postoffice, an order was issued from the department prohibiting such examination in any way with such letters. The only alternative for the investigation proposed was that the Postmaster General should make it, but that official had not the power which the House had to make it. Such a committee, he might send special agents, but the power to summon witnesses and to take testimony did not exist in him, as it did in a committee of the House. Unless, therefore, the gentle man from New York (Hewitt) could himself be able to determine. He had asked that gentleman whether he has had any proof as to how or when done, and he had answered he had not, and he did not believe, provided that they had been opened in the New York postoffice, that Postmaster James had any knowledge of it. He [Hale] saw that the gentleman from New York believed his correspondence had been tampered with, and he was in favor of letting at work every power to see if that great department was secred.

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THE President is said to be preparing a special message on the count of the electoral vote. What he will recommend is not known.

TO SNEER and denounce is a very easy way of assuming a great deal of wisdom, and concealing a great deal of ignorance, but the *Post* does not appear to be aware of the fact.

WHEN the Democratic press talks about self-government and free government in the Southern States, it means self-government participated in by the whites alone. This is exactly what the "bulldozer" practices.

CHAIRMAN MCCLELLAN has called a meeting of the Democratic State Committee for to-day, and the wonder is what it will do. If there is anything treasonable or disloyal to be *said*, it may be counted on to say it, but if anything like fighting is to be *done*, it may be safely counted out.

CRONIN started from Oregon for Washington all alone, leaving GROVER to follow, and the reason for his haste is explained by the fact that he used up twelve bottles of brandy between San Francisco and Ogden. He left GROVER behind because he could not carry along enough brandy for both.

THERE are fresh complaints from the West about the scarcity of railroad cars for shipments of grain eastward. There would seem to be a purpose in this withholding of cars which ought to be examined into. At least, the wants of the commerce of the West in this respect would appear to be not more than half supplied.

IT IS to be hoped that the bill lately introduced in Congress providing for an appropriation of $250,000 for the blind, intended to benefit this class of unfortunates in every State of the Union, may pass. It is a measure of wise and comprehensive philanthropy, inasmuch as it contemplates a more thorough system for the education of over thirty thousand blind persons in the United States.

CONGRESSMAN LONG, of Ohio, is one of the most indignant of the indignant Democrats. The Cincinnati *Times* recalls the suggestive fact that on April 9, 1864, in consequence of treasonous utterances by Mr. LONG, the House of Representatives, after first contemplating his expulsion, finally adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That said Alexander Long, a Representative from the Second district of Ohio, be, and he is hereby, declared to be an unworthy member of the House of Representatives.

DURING the Presidential campaign Mr. TILDEN published a large quantity of Southern certificates that there was no intention on the part of the South to present or urge the payment of rebel war claims; yet when, on Monday last, a resolution was introduced instructing the Judiciary Committee to report an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the payment of such claims, nearly every Southern Democrat present voted against it. The certificates and the votes do not agree.

AN intelligent colored voter of Florida recently, in conversing with a Northern visitor upon the negro vote in that State, said: "I did mean to vote for the Republican President and the Democratic Governor because I knew and liked him. But when I found they were trying to force us I just voted the straight Republican ticket. Tell you, sir, *the Republican party changed me from property to a voter, and I ain't a going back on it now.*" This expresses about what the colored voters of all the Southern States feel.

WE don't know whether the Creek Indians have heard of the threatened impeachment of "the Great Father" by the Democratic House, but the Council of that nation has impeached its present Chief on the charges of having disobeyed the orders of the Council, and for having misapplied the funds of the nation to private purposes. The Chief was impeached by the House of Warriors, a branch equivalent to our House of Representatives, and he is now undergoing trial before the "House of Kings," a branch corresponding with our Senate. Meantime he has been suspended.

THERE is a continued falling off in immigration. According to the annual report of the New York Commissioners of Emigration for the year ending December 1, the number of arrivals at that port during the year was 109,592, as compared with 135,045 in 1875. Of the entire number of arrivals 70,820 were aliens, as compared with 84,560 aliens arriving in 1875. The number of emigrants arriving from three of the leading countries in Europe in 1875 and 1876, respectively, were as follows:

	1875.	1876.
Great Britain and Ireland	30,923	20,973
German Empire	25,550	20,072
Russia	5,123	5,319

SEVERAL ex-Confederate officers in St. Louis and Missouri have expressed their concurrence with Colonel SHELBY in declaring that they will stand by General GRANT against any attempt to induct TILDEN into the Presidency by force; but they all agree in expressing their conviction that there is a wide-spread conspiracy among the Democrats of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky to get up a there was steady de- the first ... there seems to be little doubt that there is a strong purpose, in the States named, to get up another rebellion.

A BAND of some five hundred Indians, known as the Platos band, who have been several years with the Comanches near the headwaters of the Brazos river, have sent word to Colonel HATCH, at Fort Sill, that they desire to go to Wescalaco Agency at Fort Stanton; that they are very poor, and that if they are transferred it will be necessary to furnish to them ten or twenty days' rations of beef, and a military escort. The most curious fact about this Platos band of Indians is that no one in the Indian Bureau has ever heard of it. No provision or supplies have ever been furnish to it, and it is not known that it has ever been in hostility against the Government. They will be furnished with an escort and rations, as requested.

WE HAVE shown that there are really no American precedents for Governor GROVER'S position in favor of the election of CRONIN in Oregon, and that his only reliance was upon English precedents; but even that reliance is swept away by the following from the London *Times* of December 1:

It has been discovered that some of those who have received the highest number of votes in certain States are ineligible because they are office holders; and it has been rashly said that those next below them must occupy their places as electors. This is not the electoral law of England. *Votes are not thrown away unless the voters are aware of the disqualification of a candidate*; if they are unaware of the disqualification of a man who comes out at the top, the election becomes a void election as far as his seat is concerned.

As the disqualification of WATTS, in Oregon, was *not* known to the voters, the votes for him, according to the English rule, were *not* thrown away.

THERE is a constitutional tempest in a teapot in little Denmark. The troubles which have been brewing for sometime between the King and his Parliament have within the past few days reached a point which is regarded as critical. The Radicals, so called, have a large majority in the Chamber, and in the Financial bill their select committee has not only stricken out or largely reduced every item demanded by the Government, but incorporated in their report personal insults against some of the ministers. The King is advised to dissolve the session, which would be the third time since the trouble began, and the Radicals urge resistance to the collection of taxes if necessary by force. The whole matter at issue may be stated in a single sentence. It is whether the ministry is responsible to each House, or whether it may retain office so long as it retains the confidence of the Upper House. In Great Britain the retention of office by the ministry under such circumstances would be an act grossly unconstitutional, and there would have been a revolution long ago. But Denmark, though constitutionally governed, is not Great Britain.

THE LOUISIANA VOTE.

The statements made by Hon. LYMAN TRUMBULL, late Senator from Illinois, and other visiting Democrats who went to New Orleans to supervise the action of the Returning Board, as to what they saw there and what conclusions they came to from what they saw, all take decided ground in favor of giving the Democratic candidates a majority of the votes of the State; but, while they urge this view with all sorts of legal quibbling, it is remarkable that in no case do they claim that there was no intimidation or fraud on the part of the Democrats. The evidence on that point is too clear to be mistaken, and Mr. TRUMBULL confines himself exclusively to legal points, on which he rests the whole Democratic claim. His points are, first, that the board had no jurisdiction to canvass the votes for electors, but that those votes should have been canvassed by the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and a district judge; and second, that the board had no jurisdiction to throw out votes on account of intimidation or violence because no foundation for such a proceeding had been laid by a statement of the commissioners of election or supervisors of registration within the time specified by the statute—in the case of the commissioners twenty-four hours from the closing of the polls, and in the case of the supervisors twenty-four hours from the receiving of the returns. These are mere technical points, and do not touch the real point at issue, viz.: Who carried Louisiana? If HAYES had an unquestioned majority of the popular vote, he is entitled to the electoral vote of the State, and it matters little or nothing by what board the votes were canvassed, so that they were *fairly* counted. The same remark is true as to the question of fraud and intimidation. Mr. TRUMBULL does not say that the proof of fraud and violence was not conclusive, but simply that it had not been taken within the time prescribed by law. The *real* point at issue, is, *Was* there such proof of fraud and intimidation as would justify the throwing out of votes? and this point Mr. TRUMBULL shirks and evades by trying to raise an issue as to the particular time at which the proof was taken. In making this plea he practically admits the truth of the evidence before the Returning Board as to the frauds practiced at the election.

Upon the barrenness of the case presented by Mr. TRUMBULL, the New York *Evening Post* says:

What will strike the lay mind most forcibly in this matter is the extreme narrowness of the ground upon which the contestants of the Louisiana electoral vote plant themselves. Mr. Trumbull's short communication presents this ground more tersely and distinctly than does the report of the visiting Democrats. Certainly none of these Democrats will be listened to with more respect than Mr. Trumbull; and the sincerity of his convictions, the uprightness of his character and the purity of his motives will not be questioned. Many persons will learn from his communication for the first time what are the objections to acquiescence in the proceedings of the State in appointing electors and to the counting of their votes as they were legally cast. We venture to say that a majority of these persons will be amazed at the insubstantiality of the Democratic case.

THE Washington correspondent of the New York *Times* says:

There are growing signs that the Democrats are expecting to rest their case wholly upon the electoral vote of Louisiana. There may probably have been no policy determined upon in this respect, but the general drift of the Democratic mind is toward that issue. They will not insist upon counting the vote of Cronin, in Oregon, for Tilden, neither will they seriously demand to have it rejected, and will make very little, if any, use of the Oregon case. They are expecting nothing from the investigations in South Carolina, although they will make as much as possible out of the evidence they obtain there. They have a slight hope that in Florida the committee may be able to make out a case upon which the Democrats can hang some claims; but Florida is not regarded as likely to give them any aid. In Louisiana, however, they believe that their committees can obtain such evidence that they will be able to make a strong case before the country, and to convince all their own people, at least, that Tilden was cheated out of the electoral vote by the action of the Returning Board. The committees of the other States are required to do as well as they can for the Democrats, but no excuses for a failure in Louisiana will be received or tolerated. In Louisiana nothing will be allowed to stand in the way of a report to the House of the very strongest character asserting Tilden's election, and on that report they will undertake to rest their case and demand the inauguration of Tilden. All the Republicans who were in Louisiana during the counting of the votes are agreed that it is absolutely impossible for the committee to damage the Republican case.

THE annual report of the State Auditor of Ohio, just published, shows that the State has $1,105,896 less taxable property than she had last year, though the banks, under the new law, have been rated at nearly three millions more. The total assessment of taxable property for this year is $1,597,469,966. The increase in real estate in cities and towns has been $5,816,377, and in real estate in the country, $8,056,946. But against this is set a decrease in chattels amounting to $14,979,- in the net decrease stated. values. The State debt has from $8,538,546 37, in 1872, to $6,840 30 in 1876; the debts of counties from $3,756,436 03 to $2,934,099 43, and the debts of townships from $447,238 10 to $222,724 83. But the debts of cities of the first and second class have increased from $11,495,591 04 to $20,510,503 68. So there has been a net increase of debts over last year of $10,102,978 56, principally in Cincinnati.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE Baltimore *American* notices that the movement in Philadelphia in favor of removing the State Capital from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, of which nothing will come, has stirred up the question in a number of other States where the capital is not located at the largest city. The New York papers are urging a similar exchange of New York for Albany; the Chicago journals have suddenly discovered the merits of Chicago over Springfield as the seat of government, and St. Louis thinks she would like to have her State capital brought to the banks of the Mississippi. There is one consideration, however, which in all these instances will militate greatly against these suggested changes, and that is the expense.

PERSONAL.

Hon. H. Jones Brooke died at his residence in Media, this State, Tuesday, aged seventy years. Mr. Brooke served two terms in the State Senate, and had for many years been prominently identified with the Republican party.

The applications of two old actors have been favorably received by the managers of the Forrest Home, Philadelphia. William Lomas and George G. Spear will, it is supposed, shortly take their places in the Home as the first of Mr. Forrest's heirs at Springbrook.

The will of Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, the famous temperance agitator, filed at Wilkesbarre on the 11th inst., contains a curious bequest. He leaves his "war cane," a heavy cane which he carried while chaplain in a Union regiment during the rebellion, to one of his descendants, with the direction that "if he turn Copperhead it be broken over his head."

The St. Petersburg, Russia, authorities having investigated a large number of "mediums," with a view to adopting the religion of spiritualism in their country, have decided adversely to the proposition. The reason is that in every case the "medium" was detected in sleight-of-hand tricks and sent away, after a fair trial, in disgrace. The way to make a Russian laugh now is to ask him if he is a spiritualist.

Tennyson's new poem, "Harold," which has been heralded vaguely, first merely as a new drama by the Laureate, and then with its name but without any larger hint of its nature, is now published. The hero is Harold, the last of the Saxon kings and the son of Earl Godwin. Among the persons of the drama are King Edward the Confessor, and his queen, Harold's sister; Count William of Normandy and William Rufus; Harold's brothers Tostig, Gurth, Leofwin and Wulfnoth; Edwin, Earl of Mercia, and Morcar, his brother, sons of Alfgar, and his daughter, Aldwyth; and a number of other historical personages. The book is dedicated to the Laureate's brother poet, "Owen Meredith," the present Lord Lytton.

The Long Islanders have a "real live lord," and they make the most of him. It is George Essex Montifex, otherwise Lord Drummond, scion of a Scottish house. He married his grandmother's waiting maid, came to this country and settled at Brookham, Suffolk county, Long Island, where he lives in a small farm house, in a plain and even penurious style. He spends most of his time, in the season, on his small yacht. His habits are said to be of a questionable character. He is the heir to a vast estate, and his grandfather recently wrote to him that if he would return without his "low-bred wife" he would make a settlement on him for life. His reply was in the highest style of the nobility: "Lord Drummond—Go to h—ll. George Drummond." He amuses himself by a mild "bulldozing" of his neighbors. Not long since he was fined fifteen dollars for injuring the post-office, and now delivers a stump speech in front of the postmaster's house every evening at seven o'clock. Lords are expensive luxuries in this country as well as others.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

If Christmas day on Monday be,
A great winter that year you'll see,
And full of winds both loud and shrill;
But in summer, truth to tell,
High winds shall there be, and strong,
Full of tempests lasting long;
While battles they shall multiply,
And great plenty of beasts shall die.
They that be born that day, I ween,
They shall be strong each one and keen;
He shall be found that stealeth aught;
Who thou be sick, thou diest not.

He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.

From Texas to Virginia wheat is suffering for want of rain.

Great Britain paid in 1875 for intoxicating drinks £142,876,669.

Tilden wants to flip pennies to settle it. The chap who loses always wants to do this.

The electoral vote will be counted on St. Valentine's day. Hayes will be the national valentine.

The Government will grant no more condemned cannon and ordnance for monumental purposes.

Hard times in Canada; the mercury 20 degrees below zero, business dull and Tupper lecturing there.

A diabolic plot has been discovered to blow up Trinity church, New York, with dynamite on Christmas eve.

A five acre farm for half a dollar. In Michigan a tract of 1,040 acres was the other day sold for ten cents an acre.

Diphtheria is getting to be more contagious and fatal than the small-pox. Many parts of the country are being devastated by it.

And now the Greek, in reversal of former times, is dreaming of the hour when Turkey, in suppliance bent, shall tremble at his power.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Yokohama has been abolished, and a "Christian Association" with a wider scope has taken its place.

Refugees from the Mexican States on the northern boundary of Mexico are crowding into California. A fearful reign of terror is said to exist.

The last Texas Legislature created fifty counties in a batch out of the Territory of Young, which includes the haunts of the Comanche and the Lipan Indians.

The enthusiastic Dallas *Herald* thinks from the number of emigrants coming in that that Texas by the next census will be entitled to twenty, instead of six, Congressmen.

Spreading. The Maine State College will erect machine shops for instruction on the Russian plan, which has been adopted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mistresses may be happy yet. The hard times are having the effect of inducing many young women to take service who are of a better and more reliable class than formerly.

A protocol, containing eighty articles for the establishment of a constitutional government, as ordered by the Japanese Mikado, has been prepared and is under consideration.

A survey has been commenced for a new line of railroad to connect Brookville with Warren and intended to form a direct route from the coal fields in Columbia county to Buffalo and the lakes.

Following the example of Alabama, North Carolina is about to repeal the law imposing a tax of $50 on traveling salesmen. Every State which still preserves that antique and baborous usage, should follow suit.

Among the abundant vegetable productions of California, the olive is beginning to claim attention as a profitable crop. The manufacture of the oil costs about $1 per gallon, and its net value is $3 per gallon, being $800 to the acre.

A few days more and the centennial year will be at an end. Then some legislator could immortalize himself by introducing a bill into Congress making it a penitentiary offense for a newspaper man to write the words "centennial" and "bulldoze."

The New York Board of Health is after the inflating milk men, and several have been fined for inundating their milk with aqua Croton. Statistics show that out of 120,000,000 quarts of milk sold annually in New York and Brooklyn at least 40,000,- quarts proved to be water.

vestigation into the conduct of ...many has failed to reveal a... a swindle as far as the pro... ...s of the Montreal directorate are ... ...ed, but there is said to have been gross mismanagement and blundering from the beginning. The cost of the management, which reaches an almost fabulous sum, has eaten the life out of the concern.

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Desire to Call the Attention of Business Men, who wish to reach the Reading Public, to the following
FACTS:
1. They have been in the Advertising business for nearly thirty years, and given it constant attention and study during that time.
2. They have had, and continue to have, cordial business relations with all the newspapers and other periodicals in the United States and Canada.
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4. In consequence of this, they can always have advertisements inserted at the publisher's *lowest rates*.
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8. They examine all papers, note all omissions or irregularities, secure the strict fulfillment of every stipulation of the order, and submit full files for the inspection of the advertiser.
9. They give the advertiser the full benefit of the facilities and of their supervision *without charge*, a commissions being paid by the publishers.
10. They submit estimates for any given list of papers, or for properly covering any given district.
11. For a systematic working up of any large enterprise, they assist in the preparation of circulars, pamphlets and general reading matter, in addition to news paper advertising.
They invite a call from any parties who contemplate advertising in any way or for any amount.
S. M. PETTENGILL & CO.,
37 Park Row, New York.
701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.
Centennial Grounds, Philadelphia.
10 State Street, Boston.

E. F. Kunkel's Bitter Wine of Iron.
This truly valuable tonic has been so thoroughly tested by all classes of the community that it is now deemed indispensable as a Tonic medicine. It costs less than Quinine, purifies the blood and gives tone to the stomach, renovates the system and prolongs life. Every bottle sold is a fair trial and the cure of Weak Stomachs, General Debility, Indigestion, Diseases of the Stomach, and all cases requiring a good tonic. This wine includes the most agreeable and efficient half of Iron—Citrate of Magnesia—Citrate of Iron, combined with the most energetic of vegetable tonics—Yellow Peruvian Bark.
Do you want something to strengthen you?
Do you want a good appetite?
Do you want to get rid of nervousness?
Do you want energy?
Do you want to sleep well?
Do you want to build up your constitution?
Do you want to feel well?
Do you want a brisk and vigorous feeling?
If you do, try KUNKEL'S BITTER WINE OF IRON.
I only ask a trial of this valuable tonic.
Beware of counterfeits, as Kunkel's Bitter Wine of Iron is the only sure and effectual remedy in the known world for the permanent cure of Dyspepsia and Debility, and as there are a number of Imitations offered to the public, I would caution the community to purchase none but the genuine article, manufactured by E. F. Kunkel, and having his name stamp on the cork of every bottle. The very fact that Dyspepsia and Debility is multiplied to imitate Kunkel's remedy, proves its worth and speaks volumes in its favor. Sold only in quart bottles. Sold by druggists and dealers everywhere.
Tape Worm Removed Alive,
Head and all complete, in two hours. No fee till head passes. Seat, Pin and Stomach Worms removed by Dr. Kunkel, 259 North Ninth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Send for circular. For removing all other worms, call on your druggist and get a bottle of KUNKEL'S WORM SYRUP. Price, $1. MWF
NATIONAL
INSURANCE CO.,
43 South Diamond St., Alleghony City.
W. W. MARTIN.....President.
JAM TEVENSON.....Secreta y
Pittsburgh Bank for Savings,
No. 61 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh.
CHARTERED IN 1852.
BOARD OF MANAGERS.—George A. Berry, President; John Scott, Jas. Park, Jr., Vice Presidents. A. Bradley, J. L. Graham, A. S. Bell, Wm. K. Nimick, John S. Dilworth, F. Rahm, G. Follansbee. Robert C. Schmertz.
Chas. G. Milnor, Secretary and Treasurer.
SOLICITOR—John H. Hadley.
MWF
FOR MAYOR,
S. J. WAINWRIGHT,
FIFTEENTH WARD,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.
FOR MAYOR,
JARED M. BRUSH.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.
FOR MAYOR,
JOS A. BUTLER.
Subject to the Republican City Convention.
FOR CITY TREASURER,
R. B. BROWN.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.
FOR CITY TREASURER,
THOS. S. MITCHELL.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.
FOR CITY TREASURER,
SAMUEL KILGORE.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.
FOR CITY TREASURER,
J. F. DENNISTON,
TWENTIETH WARD, PITTSBURGH.
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.
FOR CITY CONTROLLER,
R. M. SNODGRASS.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.
FOR SALE.
LIQUOR FOR SALE.
Pure Copper Distilled Monongahela Rye Liquor,
from 5 to 9 years old, which is offered for Sale at a Bargain. Now is the time to purchase, as I am determined to sell out and retire from business. Will sell at prices utterly regardless of cost or value, and if not as represented purchasers can ship goods back at my expense. Government stamp on bottles shows the age of the Liquors. SAMUEL THOMPSON,
Brownsville, Pa.
MWF
GERMANIA
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF NEW YORK.
Statement of Condition of the Com'py.
JANUARY 1ST, 1876.

Cash Capital		$ 500,000 00
Reserve for Re-Insurance		515,853 37
Reserve for Losses under adjustment		78,138 07
Net Surplus		616,159 88
		$1,710,151 32

INVESTMENT OF ASSETS.

Cash on hand and in Bank	$ 171,826 51
Bonds and Mortgages, being first lien on Real Estate	715,700 00
United States Bonds (market value)	889,275 00
Bonds of the City of New York and Brooklyn, (market value)	47,545 00
Bank Stocks (market value)	6,500 00
Loans, secured by Collaterals	25,462 48
Real Estate	50 487 24
Interest and Rents Accrued, January 1st, 1876	19,604 46
Cash in hands of Agents and in course of transmission	70,040 40
Premiums due and uncollected on Policies issued at Home Office	3,410 12
	$1,710,151 32

JOHN D. BIGGERT, Agent,
TuF Office, 61 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.
FOR SALE.
FIRE PROOF SAFE
IN GOOD ORDER.
APPLY AT THIS OFFICE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE—I WILL OFfer at public sale on THURSDAY, January 18, 1877, at 10 A. M., on the premises of the late Redman Bros., Baldwin township, the following property, viz: About 25,000 feet 3-inch plank, 12 inch by 25 feet; 16,000 feet 1-inch poplar plank; 2,500 feet saw timber; 1 small flat; building lumber, fence posts, oak lumber, wagons, harness, sled and other property belonging to said firm.
WASHINGTON BECK,
Administrator of the firm of Redman Bros.
Terms made known on day of sale.

Richard S. Robertson, Jr., E. M.
ANALYTICAL CHEMIST,
Laboratory at Isabella Furnaces, Etna, Pa. City Office, No. 12 Smithfield Street.
PATENTS.
Persons desiring to procure Patents, or wishing to obtain information from the U. S. Patent Office, are advised to consult P. A. LEHMANN, of Washington, D. C., corner of Seventh and F streets, or 39 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh
Send for circular.

DRY GOODS.
1876.
G. Schleiter,
89 Market St.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Special
BARGAINS!!!
We are offering this week and during the holidays great inducements, and respectfully request our customers and the public generally to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.
CLOAK DEPARTMENT
We have just received a very fine lot of the latest styles and newest fabrics at extraordinary low prices. Full sized Chinchilla, Beaver and Basket Cloth Cloaks, $2 50, $3, $3 50, $4 50, $5 50, $6 50, $7 50, $8 50, $10 50, $12 50.
FUR DEPARTMENT!
In Ladies and Children's Furs we are offering some real bargains. Call and see them. Ermine Sets, Alaska Sets, Lynx Sets, Seal Skin Sets and Mink Sets, from $6 00 to $30 00 a set. Boa or Muff sold separate.
Broche Shawls.
We have just opened, and are now offering, the very best value in Single and Double Paisley and French Broche Shawls, from $6 to $25. These are special prices and real bargains.
Black Silks.
We invite your careful attention to this department. We guarantee to give you the very best makes at the very lowest New York holiday prices.
Black Cashmeres.
We have a full line of these goods at prices lower than ever sold before this season, full widths, 40c 50c. 60c, 75c, 87 1-2c, $1, $1 12 1-2 and $1 25; real bargains.
Low and Medium Priced
Dress Goods.
10c 12 1-2c 15c, 20c, 25c, in Plaids, Brocades and Plain Colors, in all the new shades.
English Cashmeres,
40 inches wide, 35c. Seal Browns, Myrtle Greens and Navy Blues. These are good goods and a positive bargain, being 25 per cent. less than ever before sold.
Kid Gloves and Ladies' Fancy Ties—just opened a splendid variety of these goods at the very lowest prices.
Call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.
Open every evening during the week previous to Christmas until 9:30 o'clock.
G. Schleiter,
89 MARKET STREET.
CARPETS.
CARPETS!
DRUGGETS,
OIL CLOTHS,
MATTINGS
As we near stock taking, we offer SPECIAL BARGAINS.
BOVARD, ROSE & CO.,
29 Fifth Avenue.
J. & H. PHILLIPS,
Manufacturers and Dealers in
Oil Cloths, Window Shades, &c
GREEN SHADE CLOTH A SPECIALTY.
Also, Agents for the BOSTON BELTING CO.'S RUBBER BELTING HOSE, STEAM PACKING, &c.
Dealers in LEATHER BELTING, LACE, LEATHER and RUBBER GOODS GENERALLY.
PAISTING, GRAINING and GLAZING.
NOS. 26 and 28 SIXTH STREET,
PITTSBURGH, PA

DISSOLUTION.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXisting under the firm name of BECKERT & GERWIG is this day dissolved by limitation. C. W. GERWIG retiring. The business will be continued by C. BECKERT, who will pay all debts and collect all accounts.
November 28, 1876.

LEGAL.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT OF WM. H. CONLEY TO WILL H. MORGAN.

Notice is hereby given that Wm. H. Conley, of Allegheny City, has this day assigned all his property to Will H. Morgan for the benefit of his creditors. All persons indebted to the said Wm. H. Conley will please settle immediately, and all persons having claims against him will present the same to his Assignee, at his residence, No. 231 Carson street, Pittsburgh, South Side, or at No. 97 Ohio street, Allegheny.
WILL H. MORGAN,
Assignee.
November 11, 1876. TUF

JAMES ANGLIM,
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LANMAN'S
Biographical Anna's
AND DEALER IN
RARE, OLD & CURIOUS BOOKS
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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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R. H. PALMER & CO.,
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Hat, Cap and Fur Business
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No. 151 Wood Street,
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STRAW, MILLINERY,
AND FANCY GOODS BUSINESS
AT
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TO ROLLING MILL PROPRIETORS
Having secured by patent a process to roll NUT IRON by which a large profit is left to the Rolling Mill and Consumers, any mill desiring to secure this specialty, address
WM. MILNER,
109 John street, New York.

DRY GOODS
TUESDAY.
NEW CHRISTMAS
AT
WILLIAM SEMPLE'S,
Nos. 165, 167 and 169 Federal Street, Allegheny,
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
From present indications our patrons on Saturday of this week, and Thursday and Friday evening will be an utter impossibility, even with our increased facilities. We will be in a manner be lessened during Saturday evening, until nine o'clock.
Goods for the Holidays.
A most suitable gift for a Christmas present, of which our stock offers unsurpassed attractions, would be Dress Pattern of any material.
DRESS SILKS.
Our Silk Department is as it has been during the season, full, fresh and complete, and at prices lower nowhere in the United States.
At 85, 90 and 95c, good heavy Black Dress Silks.
At $1 and $1 25, extra heavy Gros-grain Black Silks.
At $1 37½, very superior Gros-grain Black Silks.
At $1 50 to $4 50, special good value in Gros-grain and "Hand spun" Black Dress Silks.
At $1, Seal and assorted Brown Dress Silks.
At $1 25 to $2 50, extra value in choicest shades Colored Silks, much under value.
While our lines of Mourning and Fancy Dress Silks, including Brocade Silks, is specially attractive in variety and prices.
At 25 to 50c, extra good Black and Colored Cashmeres.
At 50 and 62½c, extra bargain in Colored Merino.
At 65c to $1, superior value in Black and Colored Cashmeres.
Having made large and most advantageous purchase of these goods, the value offered cannot be excelled.
At 10 and 12½c, choice seasonable Dress Goods.
At 12½c, Knickerbocker Suitings worth 25c.
At 18¾c, all Wool Striped Overcoatings.
At 18¾ to 25c, Fine Colored Cashmeres.
At 20c, newest shades in Basket Cloth Goods.
At 25c to $1 50, beautiful line of latest effects in Dress Goods of all textures and in all shades, suitable for promenade and interior wear, at the lowest prices.
At 12½ and 15c, best makes and styles Tycoon Repps.
Full and very complete stock of Medium and Deep Mourning Goods.
AT LOWEST PRICES.
FURNISHING GOODS, &C.
HolidayGoods
JOSEPH HORNE & CO.
Invite special attention to the following lines of goods, all of which are being offered at
Bargain Prices!!
LADIES' CLOTH CLOAKS, all the newest materials.
SEAL SKIN SACQUES.
MUFFS, BOAS and HATS
SILK FUR LINED CIRCULARS.
BLACK DRESS SILKS.
Dark Colored Dress Silks.
Light Party Silks.
Ladies' Silk Ties and Bows
Lace Scarfs, Barbes, Collars and Handkerchiefs.
Linen Handkerchiefs, Plain White, Colored and Mourning Borders in great variety.
Silk Handkerchiefs from 25c up.
Fancy Handkerchief and Glove Boxes,
Fine Hair Brushes and Combs, Russia Leather Portmonais, Cigar Cases, Companions, &c.
Ladies' Kid Gloves, 1 to 10 Buttons.
Misses' Kid Gloves.
Ladies and Misses' Gloves and Mittens.
Men's Cloth and Leather Gloves.
Fur Gauntlets.
Men's Furnishing Goods.
Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets.
Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk Mufflers, Cashmere Mufflers, from 25c up.
Neck Dressing, latest novelties.
Linen Collars and Cuffs.
Underwear in all grades.
Open every evening during the week previous to Christmas until 9:30 o'clock.
Retail Store,
197 & 199 Penn Avenue.
HOTELS.
IMPERIAL HOTEL,
The Only First-class Three-Dollar-per-Day Hotel in Washington.
In order to meet the wants of the Traveling Public, this First-class Hotel has reduced its price from $4 per day to Three Dollars per day. The above Hotel is pleasantly located near Fourteenth street, fronting on Pennsylvania avenue, in convenient to the Treasury, Army, Navy, State, Postoffice and Interior Departments.
N. B.—Take the Pennsylvania Avenue Horse Cars, and tell the Conductor to let you out at the Imperial.
JAMES S. PEIRCE, Proprietor.
FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,
(FORMERLY HAKE'S HOTEL,)
No. 133 Liberty Street, Foot of Fifth Avenue.
TERMS $2 PER DAY.
HUGH KEYS, Proprietor.

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AS WELL AS AT
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THE
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DRY GOODS!
DAY. DECEMBER
NEW CHRISTMAS
AT
WILLIAM SEMPLE'S,
167 and 169 Federal Street, Allegheny,
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
From present indications it will be an utter impossibility, even with our increased facilities, for us to wait on our patrons on Saturday of this week, and that over-crowding may in a manner be lessened, additional to our regular Saturday evening, until nine o'clock.
Suitable Presents!!!
A most substantial gift for a Christmas present, of which we have a very full and complete assortment, would be a Sacque or Shawl, &c.
NEW SACQUES.
Our line of Ladies' Sacques and Cloaks being especially complete at present and at such low prices, offers inducements to purchasers better than ever.
At $1, Ladies' All Wool Grey Sacques.
At $2, Ladies' Beaver Cloth Sacques.
At $3, Ladies' Rough Cloth Sacques.
At $5 and $6, Ladies' Matalasse Sacques bought very low and worth $10 and $12.
NEW CLOAKS.
Our Sacques and Cloaks are all latest styles, extra length, and superior in make to many others.
Velvet and Silk Sacques at low prices.
A special bargain is offered in a few Real Seal Skin Sacques, all latest style and long shape.
NEW FURS.
A large and very complete assortment of all the various kinds of Ladies, Misses and Children's Furs, offered at extremely low prices.
A new and choice variety of New Shawls, of the most fashionable styles, at very low prices.
UNDERWEAR.
Ladies, Misses and Children's Merino and Scarlet All Wool Underwear.
Infants' Outfits of all kinds.
Ladies, Misses and Children's Skirts, in Balmoral, Felt, Cloth, Scarlet and Alpaca, and a full and large variety of Muslin Underwear.
AT POPULAR PRICES.
JOSEPH HO
MARKET
HAVE NOW OPEN EN
FALL AND AU
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS
COTTON AND WOOLEN GOODS, BARBERY, STRAW AND SILK GOODS, VELVET IMPORTATIONS, BLACK AND COLORED SILKS, AT OUR OLD PRICES.
CLOSE CASH AND SHORT TIME BUVANTAGE TO EXAMINE OUR STOCK
WHOLESALE
INSURANCE.
Citizens' Insurance Company,
OF PITTSBURGH.
W. G. JOHNSTON.....President.
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Office, NO. 96 FOURTH AVENUE,
(ENGLISH BUILDINGS.)
Insures against Loss or Damage by Fire on Dwellings, Stores and other Buildings; Furniture, Household Goods and Stocks of Merchandise.
Insures marine and Inland Risks on Steamboats and Their Cargoes at current rates as may consist with security. Losses promptly adjusted and paid.
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FINANCE AND TRADE.

THURSDAY EVENING, December 21, 1876.

The state of financial business at the banks to-day was without decided change. In routine business there was perhaps as much activity as could be reasonably expected at this season, when, outside of the holiday trade, business men are engaged in closing up their year's business and preparing for the settlements and new enterprises of the coming year. The offerings of commercial paper are light and good notes are in request by the banks. The only especial demand for loans is composed of applications for next month to facilitate the settlements which will be in order week after next. Rates for loans rule as heretofore, 7@8 per cent on prime commercial paper and 6@7 per cent. on first class collaterals. The banks are expecting a call from the Comptroller of the Currency for a statement of their condition soon, and will be able to make a very good showing as regards strength of reserve. In local stocks and securities, no especial news of importance is reported. We give below quotations on the leading railway securities of this vicinity, as revised by the latest Eastern reports:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
A V R R 7 3-10s	104	104½	E & P 1st 7s	95	97
A V R R 7-30s	89	91	E & P 2d 7s	84	86
A V R Miner 7s	89½	90½	P & Conn stk	12	15
C & P stock	88½	90	P & Conn 7s	103½	105
CAP consol st	109½	110	P, Ft W & C	100½	101½
C & A 1st mtge	105	.....	P, Ft W & C stk	47½	48½
P R R stock	48½	.....	Do 1st mtge	120	121
P R R 1st m	109½	.....	Do 2d mtge	114	.....
P R R gmtc	108	.....	Do 3d mtge	103½	104½
P R R gmtr	107	.....	P, Ft W & Chic	87½	.....
P R R c m 6s	98	.....	Do 7s	49	52
Oil C & I m 7s	70½	77	West Penn 6s	....	80
P, C & St L 7s	84	85½			

—The railway compromise does not seem to afford much satisfaction to the business interests of New York. The *Tribune* entitles it "The Vanderbilts' capitulation," and comments on it in the following terse terms:

How do the merchants of New York like the practical working of the new railroad compact, as illustrated by the difference between New York and Baltimore on west-bound freights? The following table shows the comparative rates per 100 pounds, as established by the Baltimore and Ohio and the New York roads, under the recent agreement:

To	1st class	2d class	3d class	4th class	Special
	From New York.	From Baltimore.	From New York.	From Baltimore.	From New York.	From Baltimore.	From New York.	From Baltimore.	From New York.
Chicago	50	43	45	38	40	33	35	28	25	17
Cincinnati	40	35	35	30	31	25	25	22	25	17
Toledo	40	35	35	30	31	25	25	22	25	17
Cleveland	40	35	35	30	31	25	25	22	25	17

Now every one knows that sugars, salt, and all kinds of groceries and domestic dry goods can be purchased in Baltimore as cheaply as in New York. Hence the Chicago buyer can save fifteen per cent. on his transportation charges by making his purchases in Baltimore instead of New York. To Cincinnati, St. Louis and other points the advantage in favor of Baltimore varies according to distance. This is the way Mr. Vanderbilt is protecting the interests of New York and providing business for his four tracks. Also this is the way "the Vanderbilts never surrender."

—The Cincinnati *Commercial* says of the money market in that city: "The demand for money is more active, the applications being larger at the leading banks than any preceding day this season, while the shipments of currency to the country were largely increased, and this gives a stronger tone to the discount market, as a closer feeling prevails. The banks discount for depositors at 8 per cent., and strictly prime business paper was placed outside at the same figure, but there were negotiations of good paper at 9@10 per cent."

—The New York *Tribune's* money article says: "Money was only exceptionally below 6 per cent to day, and that on pledged United States bonds, the more common rates having been 6 and 7 on the usual collateral. The hardening tendency finds explanation in the low condition of the bank reserves. There is nothing new in commercial paper, and rates are on the basis of 5½ to 7 per cent."

—The New York *Herald* is informed that the Metropolitan National Bank has resolved to reduce its capital stock from $4,000,000 to $3,000,000. The taxes—national, State and municipal—paid by the Metropolitan Bank aggregate $200,000, and the reduction of the capital will reduce this amount a little over $50,000. The bank proposes to buy in the cancelled stock at 125, a fraction above the ruling price in the market.

—A Washington dispatch to the New York *Journal of Commerce* says: "The Treasury Department stands committed on the money question. Inasmuch as the present Silver dollar will not coin bullion a *legal tender for all amounts*, it does not favor that scheme. As the Assistant Secretary stated yesterday, the effect would be to drive gold from the country, and thus leave the Government without the means to meet its obligations."

—An exchange states that since the opening of the Eastern question the depreciation has [illegible] ¾ per cent., in 1872, when it last stood at 12 per cent., there was then no difference between the gold and silver premium, whilst the premium on gold has risen to 27 per cent.

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day. Furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

December 21, 1876.	10:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:30 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.
Gold	107⅜	107⅜	107⅜	107⅜	107⅜	107⅜
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup.	117	117½	117½	.....	.....	117½
5-20's, 1865, reg.	111	111	111	.....	.....	111
5-20's, 1865, new	113	113	113	.....	.....	113½
5-20's, 1867 (refunding)	113	113	113	.....	.....	113½
5-20's, 1867	115½	115½	115½	.....	.....	115½
5-20's, 1868	116½	116½	116½	.....	.....	116½
5-20's, 1868, coupon	117½	117½	117½	.....	.....	117½
10-40's, reg.	112½	112½	112½	.....	.....	112½
10-40's, coupon	112½	112½	112½	.....	.....	113
Currency 6's	121½	121½	121½	.....	.....	121½
New 5 per cents	107½	107½	107½	.....	.....	107½
Western Union Tel	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾
Quicksilver	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Pacific Mail	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	24¾	24¾
Panama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Adams Express	101½	.....	.....	101½	.....	.....
Wells-Fargo Express	70	.....	.....	70	.....	.....
American Express	58½	.....	.....	58½	.....	.....
United States Ex	74	.....	.....	74	.....	.....
New York Central	104½	104½	104½	104½	104	104½
Erie	17	17	17	17	17	17
Michigan Central	47	47	47¼	47	47	47
Michigan Southern	50¾	.....	.....	.....	.....	50½
Illinois Central	66¾	67¼	.....	66¾	66¾	67
Cleveland & Pitts	90¾	.....	.....	90¾	90¾	90¾
Chicago & Northwest	.....	.....	.....	.....	35¾	36¼
Do. preferred	53½	.....	.....	.....	53½	55½
Rock Island	101¾	102	.....	101¾	.....	101¾
St. Paul common	.....	.....	.....	19¾	.....	19¾
Do. preferred	52	53	.....	49½	52½	52½
Wabash common	4	4	.....	4¼	.....	4¼
Fort Wayne	100	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
Ohio and Mississippi	6¾	6¾	6¾	6¾	6¾	6¾
Union Pacific	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacific	.....	.....	.....	13¾	.....	13¾
New Jersey Central	.....	.....	.....	.....	35¾	35¾
Hannibal & St. Jos	12¾	.....	.....	.....	.....	13¾
Iron Mountain	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do. 1st & L. G.	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25
Missouri Pacific	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Del., Lack. & W	71¾	.....	.....	.....	.....	71¾
South Carolinas, Apr	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Mi souri 6's	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

—The following is the report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.	Sales.
Pennsylvania Central	....	....	48
Reading	20	20¾	....
United Cos. of N. J	140	141	....
Phila, Wilm & Baltimore	95¾	96	....
Phila & Erie	17	17¼	....
Lehigh Valley	49	49½	....
Allegheny Valley	29¾	....	....
Central Transportation	10	....	....
Empire Transportation	....	50	....
Phila & St. L. m. 6s	81	....	....
Northern Pacific bonds	....	15	....

(By Associated Press.)

Gold Closed at 107¼.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Money easier at 4@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@7 per cent. Customs receipts $267,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $194,000. Clearings $18,000,000. The steamer Rhein, from Liverpool, brought £64,000 specie. Sterling firm at 482¼@484.

GOLD.

Gold steady at 107⅜@107¼. Carrying rate 6@6 per cent. Silver 121½ per ounce in gold.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds dull but firm with a moderate advance in some instances. Railroad bonds quiet but prices well maintained. State securities quiet. The stock market was strong and higher for coal road shares on an improvement in prices for coal, and weak and lower for St. Paul, Lake Shore, Pacific Mail and Illinois Central. The dividend of the latter has been reduced to six per cent., hence the decline in the stock to-day. Hannibal and St. Joseph advanced to 14 for common and to 27 for preferred; Adams Express was strong and advanced to 101½; other changes were unimportant. Transactions 115,000 shares, of which 7,000 were Pacific Mail, 17,000 Western Union, 13,000 St. Paul, 7,000 Erie, 18,000 Lake Shore, 2,600 New York Central, 4,400 Ohio and Mississippi, 5,900, Wabash, 22,000 Michigan Central, 13,000 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and 7,000 New Jersey Central. The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.			
West. Union Tel	72¾	Black Island	101¾
Quicksilver	13	St. Paul	49½
Do. preferred	104	Do. preferred	79½
Pacific Mail	25¾	Toledo & Wabash	4¾
Mariposa	6¾	Do. preferred	9
Do. preferred	13	Ft. Wayne	100
Adams Express	102	Terre Haute	.....
Wells-Fargo Ex	67¼	Do. preferred	15
American Ex	58½	Chicago & Alton	93
United States Ex	74½	Do. preferred	96
New York Central	103½	Ohio & Mississippi	6
Erie	17	Del. & Lack	71¾
Do. preferred	17¾	Atlantic & P. Tel	14¾
Harlem	140	Atlantic & P. pref	33½
Do. preferred	133	Missouri Pacific	37¾
Michigan Central	46¾	Indiana Central	27¾
Hamilton	125	Panama	114½
Lake Shore	59¾	Hannibal & St. Joe	13¾
Illinois Central	66¾	Hannibal & St. Joe pref	27¾
Cleve. and Pitts	89¾	Central Pac. bonds	109¾
Northwestern	36¾	Union Pac. bonds	103¾
Do. preferred	53¾	Land Grants	100½
C., C. & I	30¾	Do. S. F. bonds	92¾
N. J. Central	36¾		

*Ex dividend.

GOVERNMENTS.			
U. S. coupons, 1881	117¾	New 5's	111¾
5-20's, 1865	109¾	New 4½'s	108¾
5-20's, 1865, new	113	10-40's, registered	112
5-20's, 1867	116	10-40's, coupons	113
5-20's, 1868	117½	Currency 6's	121½

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old	40½	Virginia, old	39
Tennessee, new	40½	Missouri 6's	107½
Virginia, new	39		

LONDON, December 21, 5 P. M.—The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £230,000 the past week. The proportion of bank reserve to liabilities is 51¾ per cent. Consols 93 15-16. United States bonds—5 20's, 1865, 104¾; do. 1867, 107¾; 10-40's 107¾; new 5's, 104¼. Railroad securities—New York Central 102; Erie 9½; preferred 18.

PARIS, December 21.—The specie in the Bank of France increased 5,168,000 francs the past week. Rentes 105 francs 17½ centimes.

FRANKFORT, December 21.—United States bonds—New 5's 101½.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—Gold 107¼@107¾. Sight exchange on New York ¼ per cent. discount. Sterling exchange 518.

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 21, 1876.

The beautiful weather of to-day has had a reviving influence on trade, but the quotations of yesterday remain substantially unchanged. In all branches of holiday articles there is a lively trade, and the business keeps pretty full of customers. Outside of these articles the trade is quiet and the market firm.

The receipts of the leading articles of produce since those named yesterday are the following:

Flour, bbls	1,405	Hay, bales	330
Corn, bus	1,612	Butter, pkgs	88
Barley, bus	2,250	Bacon, lbs	7,500
Oats, bus	5,620	Bacon, tcs	62
Wheat, bus	1,440		

The quotations given in the following reports are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers will charge an advance. Prices of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN—The market is firm and prices totally unchanged. We continue to quote prime Ohio and Pennsylvania red wheat at $1 40@1 43 ₱ bushel; amber do $1 45; white do $1 45@1 48. Corn is still in good demand and sells readily at former quotations, though there are some large receipts reported. We quote old shelled at 55@57 ₱ bushel for prime yellow and high mixed; new car at 53@55c; prime new shelled 52@53c. Oats remain at 36@41c ₱ bushel for prime white; mixed 32@36c. Rye is in good supply and up to the demand, and quoted at 75@76c. Barley is unchanged and quiet at 90c for choice; 75@80c for good to prime spring; prime fall at $1 05@1 10; lobbing sales at the customary advance.

FLOUR—There is nothing new to report, further than it is thought by some that the quotation for red winter in the list following is full low. We give the quotations unchanged from yesterday: No 1 white wheat flour at $7 35@7 50 ₱ barrel; No. 1 amber do $7 00@7 25; prime red winter do $6 50@6 75; in sacks 25c less ₱ barrel. The jobbing prices of standard brands are as follows: Choice brands of red winter wheat flour $6 50@6 75; white wheat flour $7 25@7 50; Wisconsin $6 25@6 75; Minnesota $6 85@7 25; fancy St. Louis $8 75@9 25; Graham flour $6 50@7 25; cornmeal 70c ₱ bushel; oatmeal $6 75 ₱ barrel; rye flour $5 25; rye flour $4 25@4 50 ₱ barrel.

HAY—The market is abundantly stocked and the trade dull. We quote loose from wagon at $12 00@16 00 ₱ ton. No. 1 timothy $15 @16 00; No. 2 timothy $11 00@13 00. Baled from the market $11 00@14 00 as to quality and condition. Prairie—Up and $10 00@12 00; mixed $9 00@10 00.

MILL FEED—Is quiet at the following rates: Bran $13 00@14 00 per ton; middlings $20 00@22 00; seconds and shipstuffs $15 00@17 00; chopped feed $30 00@32 00.

Country Produce.

APPLES—Apples are dull with prices as follows: Common 75c@$1 25 ₱ bbl; prime $1 25@1 50.

APPLE BUTTER—Is dull also, and held at 40@45c ₱ gallon.

BEESWAX—Dull and nominal at 28@30c ₱ lb.

BEANS—Are active and held at $1 90@2 00 for prime white navy.

BROOM-CORN—Is in some demand in small lots, with prices unchanged from figures recently given. We quote as follows: Choice hurl at 6@6½c; self-working brush that will work on 5@5½c; medium green 4@4½c; red-topped 3@3½c; inferior not desired; crooked in fair demand at about 3@ per cent. off from the prices given, as to quality.

BUTTER—We regret that the market is good for the best table butter. Creamery rolls go at 28@30c; prime to choice solid packed 19@26c; do roll 20@22c; choice dairy 18@20c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Is moderately active and steady. Prime quality we quote at $3 75@4 00 per cwt.

CHEESE—The market is steady and prices firmer at the following figures. Prime Ohio factory at 14@14½c in round lots; jobbing at 14½c @15c. New York Goshen 15c in round lots; 15½@16c in a jobbing way. Young American 13c; nutmeg 13c.

CRANBERRIES—The supply is sufficient and prices remain at $8 00@10 00 ₱ barrel; $2 25@3 50 ₱ bushel.

EGGS—The demand is fair and supply liberal. Prices range from $1 50@4 50, barrel included, for common; $4 00@5 00 for extra choice.

DRIED FRUIT—The market is very dull, and previous prices may be still given. We quote dried apples nominal at 3½@3½c ₱ lb for prime, and 5½@6c for fancy; dried peaches 11@12c; evaporated peaches 22c.

DRIED FISH—There is a good demand for new cropat $1 50@1 75 per bushel.

HOGS—The market is about steady at unchanged prices. Strictly fresh are scarce at 27 @28c ₱ dozen; pickled are in large supply and quoted at 20@22c.

FEATHERS—Choice are quoted at 60@65c in Wholesale lots; lower qualities 50@55c.

GAME—There is still a good supply in the market, and prices held up to those last noted. We quote as follows: Venison—Saddles 12@14c ₱ lb; do haunches 10@12c ₱ lb, whole deer 10 @12c ₱ lb; do saddles 10@12c ₱ lb. Ducks 45 @50c ₱ pair; dressed 10@13c ₱ lb. Geese 50@60c each.

POTATOES—Are very active, and the supply not large. Prime peachblows from store are now held at $1 20@1 30 ₱ bushel. The lower grades are held at 90c@$1 05. Sweet potatoes are not in market.

TURNIPS—Yellows—There is a moderate demand at 16 @18c ₱ gallon for prime country stock; 14@15c for best city make.

HONEY—New crop, active and quoted at 35@ 38c ₱ lb.

Provisions.

The trade is slow in hog products. There has been a slight weakening in some of the cut and cured meats, hams and breakfast bacon pulling up lower than yesterday. Refined lard in tierces, half barrels and buckets rules ¼c higher. The other leading staples of hog products remain unchanged.

BACON—The market is steady. Jobbing quotations are as follows: Shoulders 8c ₱ pound; short rib sides 10c; clear sides 10½c.

CURED AND SMOKED MEATS—Hams were easy at 12¾c ₱ lb for extra sugar-cured. Breakfast bacon rules easy and we quote sugar-cured at 10½c. Sugar-cured shoulders were steady at 9½c. Dried beef, sugar-cured, was firm at 10½c. Beef tongues, ₱ dozen, are quoted at $5 50.

LARD—Demand fair and market steady. We quote refined lard in tierces 11¾c; in half barrels 12¼c ₱ lb; in buckets 12¾c ₱ lb; in 3-lb pails 13c ₱ lb; in 5-lb pails 14c ₱ lb; in 6-lb pails 13¾c ₱ lb. Leaf lard rules at 11c in tierces.

LIVE HOGS—The market is quiet. We quote best make of extra at 9@9½c; current make 8½c; No. 1 at 7½@8c; No. 2 at 6½c; country oil, white winter, 8@8½c; yellow winter, 8@8½c.

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Weather Report.

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Time.	Bar.	Ther.	Hum.	Dir.	Mile P hour	Weath.
7 A. M.	29.705	33	87	N. E.	1	L. snow
2 P. M.	29.681	37	71	S. W.	4	Cloudy.
9 P. M.	29.812	27	88	N.	2	Foggy.

Mean barometer....29.840 Highest thermom... 38
Mean thermom.... 29 Lowest thermom... 18
Rainfall.....0.67*

*Melted snow.

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Iron City College

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Festival.

There will be a choice entertainment, this and to-morrow evening, consisting of music, festival, fine arts, etc., at the old U. P. Church, Franklin street, East Liberty, in behalf of the Methodist Protestant Mission, now worshipping in the church. Let our East End friends patronize this worthy young enterprise.

Freight Rates.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

Under the new freight arrangement the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company are carrying flour shipped from Chicago to New York as far as Pittsburgh for $25 68 per car, while the merchants of this city are compelled to pay $40 per car over the same road.

Does this look like Pittsburgh getting equal rates with Eastern cities, as the officials claim in your paper yesterday? F.

Pastoral Resignation.

The Rev. J. J. Murray, D.D., pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, has resigned his charge. Dr. Murray is a member of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, or southern wing of the denomination, and has been "loaned," as the phrase goes. He has proven himself an able and eloquent pastor, and has made a very favorable impression among the leading clergymen of the two cities and vicinity. It is noped that he may yet be induced to reconsider his resignation and remain here.

The Postoffice Embezzler.

Up till a late hour last evening nothing had been heard as to the whereabouts of W. C. Wall, the embezzler, in the money order department of the postoffice. A policeman on duty on Second avenue, Pipetown, reported that a man answering the description of the one set suit in the Common Pleas No. 1, yesterday, against W. F. Brown, bondsman of Wall, the bond being for $3,000.

The Locust Street Improvement.

A special meeting of the Street Committee was held last evening for the purpose of taking action on the assessment made by the Board of Viewers for the grading, paving and curbing of Locust street. Mr. Weldon objected to the approval of the report of the viewers. A communication from the City Solicitor, Mr. Bigelow, was read, in which he stated that it would be well to approve so that legal proceedings could be entered at once by those desiring to contest the matter. On this, a motion to approve prevailed.

A resolution was passed for the payment of a claim of H. A. Freygood for $52 50 for iron railings put in on Fifth avenue, the same to be paid to John O'Keefe, assignee of Mr. Freygood.

Alleged Counterfeiters Jailed

Deputy United States Marshal, J. T. Harris, of Johnstown, arrived in the city yesterday morning, having in his custody two alleged counterfeiters named James Lane and R. R. McMillan, who were arrested by him at Lilly's station, Pennsylvania Railroad on Wednesday. The prisoners had a large impression at the time of their capture some two hundred dollars in spurious coins in the denomination of dimes, in their possession. They were taken before United States Commissioner Rutledge, of Johnstown, and after hearing were committed for trial at the February term of the United States District Court. They were brought to this city and lodged in the jail for the reason that better security is afforded in the prison here than in the one at Johnstown.

Narrow Escape.

Miss Clifton, daughter of Mr. John Clifton, of Forty-second street, Lawrenceville, made a narrow escape from serious injury—perhaps death—on Wednesday evening. She was carrying a bucket of coal into the house, when she tripped and fell in the hallway, spilling a quantity of coal. Unfortunately with a lighted, she found among the spilled coal a large railroad torpedo, which had in some way got into the coal house. The force of the explosion when Miss C. fell she would in all probability have been severely injured. Mr. Clifton left the torpedo at the office of Deputy Mayor King, where it was on exhibition yesterday. May of the coal dealers from whom their coal is shipped from the railroad cars through a trestle work to the ground beneath, so it is possible that the torpedo was thrown out of the cars, and not being firmly fastened was knocked off and fell among the coal.

Jail Commitments.

The *mittimus* file at the county jail yesterday, showed the following commitments of persons for offences triable in the Criminal Court:

By Alderman Wehner—Dietrich Lentz, charged with assault and battery on oath of John Dickmann. Hearing Dec. 23.

By Mayor McCarthy—Joseph Scott, for trial on two charges of larceny, on information made by J. B. Brown and E. S. Frazier. Trial.

By Alderman Kreuter—William Jackson, charged with false pretenses, on oath of John V. Arnouts. Trial.

By Alderman Larkin—Dennis Gallagher, charged with larceny, on oath of Lucy Smith. Hearing.

Frank H. Haslage was committed by the Court for bail and costs.

John Janse and S. B. McMillen were committed by U. S. Commissioner Rutledge, of Cambria county, for trial, on a charge of passing counterfeit money.

THE CASTLE SHANNON RAILROAD.

Meeting of the Stockholders—Encouraging Report of the Business of the Year.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburgh and Castle Shannon Railroad Company was held last evening President Hays in the chair.

The object of the meeting was to consider the question of paying off the indebtedness of the company, whether by an assessment or by the issue of bonds. The property real and personal, of the company is said to be valued at over $1,200,000 while the indebtedness upon it is less than $250,000, the latter sum being yet due on the coal lands from which a large revenue is derived.

President Hays stated that the profits of the year 1876 over and above all expenses would be $25,000.

After an interchange of opinion, it was decided by the stockholders to issue bonds to the amount of $15,000, to run five and ten years at seven per cent., the bonds to be in amounts of $100, $500 and $1,000.

The meeting adjourned with the best of feeling at the prospects of this well conducted and prosperous enterprise.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Quarter Session—Judge Stowe.

Thomas McCarty, Cornelius Ford and John O'Brien are on trial on a charge of robbery, preferred by Charles Miller.

Stuart Cunningham was acquitted of charge of nuisance in keeping a ferocious dog, and the prosecutor, Henry Bear, was directed to pay costs.

A verdict of guilty of buying iron from minors was returned in the case of Paddy May. The prosecutor was Thomas Hamilton.

John MacInnis pleaded guilty to a charge of false pretenses, preferred by O. M. Harper, and was sentenced to the Workhouse for thirty days.

On a similar charge, preferred by John Messmer, to which he pleaded guilty, he was sentenced thirty days to the Workhouse.

The jury is out in the case of Samuel Watkins, charged with having committed a building with intent to commit a felony. The prosecutor is George Oaks.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Commonwealth vs. Wm. McIntosh, Peter Hamil, John Gorley, Joseph Saville, Thomas Mullen, H. C. Campbell, G. V. Kerson, Thomas Flaherty, Mike Burke, Charles Wilberts, William Drumming *et al.*, L. Wilson, John Smith, Thomas O'Rourke, Thomas Shemenschneider, Jackson Kemp, William Dorney, William Anderson, Davis Johnston *et al.*, Adelia Johnston, Paddy Meenan *et al.*, Daniel McClelland, Fred. Walter, Matthew Reily.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judges Sterrett and Collier.

N. Schaffer vs. James Herron. Verdict for plaintiff for $78 48.

Wm. Wilson vs. John A. Verner. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,088 33.

Williams & Raife vs. Crone & Huckestine. Verdict for plaintiff for $108 82.

There will be no more jury trials this week, the list having been exhausted.

Common Pleas No. 2—Judges White and Kirkpatrick.

Daniel Busbnell for use of Lockhart & Frew vs. Union Refining and Storing Company. Jury out.

L. Ward, by her next friend, vs. Samuel Severance; action of TROVER. Jury out.

Russell & Kahn vs. Letitia Robinson, two cases; actions for goods sold and delivered. Verdict for plaintiff for $134 82 and $239 75.

John Marshall vs. James Graham. Jury out.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Tarr *et al.* vs. McClosky *et al.*, McKee vs. Walker, Miller vs. Gerber, Waldschmidt vs. Leder, Dick for use vs. Yoder, Fabian *et al.* vs. Welden *et al.*, Evans *et al.* vs. Feltmeth *et al.*, Gells vs. Quinn, Patterson's administratrix vs. Patterson *et al.*, Breed & Co. vs. Gainsford, Hardman vs. Buckley.

Orphans' Court—Judge Hawkins.

The audit list in this court to-day is as follows: Estate of James M. Carr, Thomas Keefe, John Adams, Wm. Ihmsen, Ephraim Buffington, W. W. McGregor, Elizabeth N. Davis, Anthony Benitz, James D. Mahon, James Ross, Sr.

Court Notes.

The United States Circuit Court was not in session yesterday.

In the United States District Court yesterday Barnhard Lippman, of Corry, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

Prothonotary Kennedy has directed that all writs issued from his office returnable the first Monday of January, 1877, must be issued from the Prothonotary's office on or before Friday, December 29th, so as to enable the Sheriff to serve them on the Saturday before return day. No new cases will be received after Friday, the 29th inst.

S. C. Mulligan, Esq., entered suit in the Common Pleas No. 2 yesterday, on behalf of Hymen Silverman, against the Pennsylvania Company, operating the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad. He claims $5,000 damages for being ejected from a train between Steubenville and Pittsburgh.

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THE TEMPERANCE WORK.

Another Crowded Church Last Evening—No Change In the Pace of Meeting to Be Made.

The Fifth avenue U. P. Church was again crowded last evening to hear Francis Murphy and to aid his work in the temperance cause.

The exercises of the evening begun by the congregation singing the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which Mr. Murphy read a portion of the 15 chapter of John, and Rev. Alex Clark uttered prayer. Mr. Murphy said that he would not detain the audience with any lengthy remarks. Rev. Mr. Murray pastor of the church, said that the church would be required for their own use after to-day. The congregation desire to make arrangements for the Christmas holidays, after which time the church committee will consider the matter of giving the church for the further use of these meetings. Mr. Murray was glad to have the meetings here, and the conduct of the meetings had his hearty sympathy. Mr. Murphy announced that a WATCH meeting would be held in the Fifth avenue M. P. Church on the last night of the old year.

Rev. Alexander Clark said: "We cordially welcome you here; we would not care if the carpets were worn out and even the church building itself as long as good proceeded from the work; this is what the churches should be for. These 'Prodigal Sons' are welcome here to-night, and if we have anything good in the church, in the name of God let them have it. May God teach us how to love the returning 'Prodigals,' to put the best robe we have upon them."

Mr. Murphy announced that the meeting Sunday night next will be held in Library Hall, when an admission fee of 25cents will be charged. He also announced that Miss Francis E. Willard, of Chicago, Ill., will be in the city soon, and by special request of Mr. Murphy, will deliver an address to the reformed men, the same to be announced in due time.

Dr. Mundorf, said that he had never realized what it was to stand before the public and make such a confession as he had to make to-night. He had been a hard drinker but to-day he had signed the pledge, and from this time forward intended to live a new man and seek after a higher and better life.

Mr. Swarzwelder said: "My friends, I came here this evening laboring under some trepidation and fear that I might be called upon, but notwithstanding this, I feel it incumbent upon me to do all I can by my feeble power to aid this work. While the love of money is said to be the root of all evil, and while I am opposed to taking money for these meetings, but in order that the result of this work may be practical and permanent, money is absolutely necessary. I cannot depict to you the horrors of intemperance. On a retrospective glance I cannot recall a single case of murder but what has had its origin through rum. Rum has not seen the youth, the delight of his mother's eye, brought to the gallows and murdered him. Rum! Rum! Now, my friends, the well man does not go to the physician, it is the sick; the moment the man feels the need and has formed the resolution to sign, he needs your sympathy and help. Ask a sinner hanging on a post to exchange for God's providence and love. While I feel unworthy to stand before you, yet, to-night, I thank God I feel as free and happy as a king."

Other speakers were heard, and at the close of the meeting it was announced that a WOMAN'S meeting would be held in the Fifth avenue M. P. Church on the last night of the old year.

SELECT BRANCH.

The Select Council was called to order at eight P. M., Mr. Black presiding.

Mr. Voegtly offered a resolution that the Mayor issue his proclamation for a special election in the First ward, to fill the vacancy created by Colonel Bayne's resignation as a member of Select Council. Passed.

Mr. Huckestine offered a resolution directing the Finance Committee to institute an investigation into the alleged discrepancy in the tax assessments of the county and city, and if necessary to employ additional help. Mr. Huckestine said he had been informed that there were about 1,000 persons in Allegheny City whose names are found on the county tax books, but cannot be found on the city tax books. The resolution was passed.

Mr. Voegtly presented the report of the Street Committee and called the roll for voting.

Resolution giving the Street Committee power to allow property owners to pave facing street, from Kerr to Superior streets. Passed.

Ordinance for a lateral sewer on Lindsay alley, from Second to Third streets. Passed.

Ordinance repealing the ordinance providing for the payment of a fee for making sewer connections. Passed.

Ordinance for a board walk on Davis avenue and New Brighton road, from the terminus of brick pavement on McClure avenue to property of Robert Foster. Passed.

Ordinance for grading, paving and curbing of Lowry street from Branch to Roessler street. Passed.

Ordinance for grading and paving Asylum alley from present terminus of pavement to Taylor avenue. Passed.

Ordinance for the paving of Fremont alley from Arch street to Ohio and Avenue. Passed.

Ordinance for the relief of the property owners on Charles street, giving them five years to pay their assessments, the city to issue bonds for the amount of the same. The bonds to bear six per cent.

Mr. Calfary opposed the ordinance on the ground that it was paving the way to the establishment of a bond factory. One councilman had proposed to improve a new street under the ordinance.

Mr. Voegtly said the job had been put through in such a manner that no bonds could have been caught, but that he would oppose all new bonds on behalf of this land. The ordinance passed, Mr. Calfary refusing to vote.

Mr. Voegtly read the views of the City Solicitor on the Herr Island bridge matter. The Solicitor opines that the city has no power to build a street from the river to the island.

Mr. Calfary presented the report of the Water Committee, which was received. He also called up the ordinance for the transfer of $1,000 from the contingent fund to the water works appropriation. The resolution was adopted.

The act for the division of real estate in that part of the third class, into classes for taxation for the purpose of fixing rates thereon, was called up, and Mr. Hartman moved that the Legislature be recommended to pass the act.

Mr. Drum opposed the clause putting manufacturers into the same class as regards taxation as suburban property and moved to have it stricken out.

Messrs. Calfery and Huckestine favored this discrimination in favor of manufacturers, holding that it was necessary to the prosperity of the city.

Mr. Drum's amendment was lost as also the motion. The latter receiving nine affirmative to eight negative votes, some dissatisfaction was expressed at the chairman's ruling, claiming that a majority of a quorum present was sufficient to recommend. No appeal, however, was taken.

Common Council business was next considered and concurred in, with the exception of the resolution for the placing of an alarm telegraph, the consideration of which was postponed until to-morrow evening.

Adjourned.

COMMON BRANCH.

This body came together at eight o'clock P. M. and was called to order by President Golden, who stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering such business as might be brought before it. There being no objection the regular order of business was proceeded with, and on the call of the wards, remonstrances and other papers were presented and referred to the proper committees, as follows: Remonstrance against a sewer on Ackley street, Second ward; remonstrance against the opening of Harrison avenue, Seventh ward; a resolution for the recognition as a public lamp the lamp erected by James McKee on Observatory Hill.

THE NEW DEPOT.

Mr. Wilson, from the special committee appointed to confer with the railroad authorities in reference to a new depot on Federal street, called up the printed ordinance granting permission to the Pittsburgh Company, operating the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway, to use a portion of the "common ground" to be vacated for a depot and sheds in connection with the proposed new depot on Federal street.

When the ordinance was put upon its third reading and final passage, considerable discussion took place between Messrs. Reno, of the Eleventh ward, and Kerr, of the Third ward, led off with speeches against the ordinance, maintaining that the Councils had no right to cede any part of the "common ground" for any purpose. Mr. Sholes, of the Second ward, favored the ordinance. Mr. Wilson said the railroad people only ask fifteen feet of the "common ground" along Federal street, running back 65 feet. For granting this the city will be the gainer, as the railroad company would erect a depot that would at once be an ornament and a benefit to the city. It was not proposed to occupy the "common ground" with buildings, but only with a porch and sheds for the accommodation of passengers.

The ordinance was passed finally—ayes, 21; noes, 5. Those voting in the negative were Messrs. Kerr, Reno, Hunter, Walker and Wall.

Mr. Reno presented a protest against the ordinance, and desired that it be recorded on the minutes. His request was granted.

Mr. Reno arose to speak when there was no motion before the house, and he was "sat down" by the Chair. Thereupon he became indignant and tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

Mr. Sholes, from the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, called up the printed resolution instructing the committee to locate the extra hose carriage, now at the general engine house, at the intersection of Sandusky avenue and Liberty street, Fifth ward. The resolution was adopted.

SELECT COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Business from the Select Council was taken up. The joint resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to inquire into the alleged excess of assessments for the county over those returned for the city of Allegheny, and, if necessary, employ clerical force to transact the same was adopted.

THE SALARY ORDINANCE.

The ordinance amending the ordinance relative to certain city officers and e mployees, fixing their compensation, prescribing their duties and abolishing and consolidating certain offices, passed by Select Council December 4, was taken up.

Mr. Beadell objected to the ordinance on the ground that after it had been presented to Councils and referred back to the Finance Committee for printing, the committee amended the same; also, that the ordinance contained more than one subject, which was a violation of Rule IX of Councils.

The Chair decided that the objections were well grounded, and ordered that the ordinance be taken off the file.

FURTHER BUSINESS FROM SELECT COUNCIL.

A resolution authorizing a transfer of $2,500 from the Contingent to the Street fund was adopted.

Ordinance authorizing the refunding of peddlers license. Passed.

Ordinance repealing an ordinance fixing the time for making appropriations. Passed.

Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to borrow $50,000 to meet the current expenses of the city. Passed.

Resolution authorizing the transfer of $350 from the Contingent to the Park Commission fund. Adopted.

Ordinance for the relief of property owners on McClure avenue, giving time for paying assessments, and providing for the issue of bonds to make provision for the payment of the work. Passed.

THE LOWRY ENGINE TEST.

Resolution instructing the Committee on Printing to have printed two hundred copies of report of experts on testing duty and capacity of Lowry pumping engine.

Mr. Beadell moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Long presented a paper, signed by Joseph Lowry, protesting against the printing of the report on the ground that the test was made under the supervision of parties who were prejudiced against the engine and who had sworn before the Legislative Investigating Committee that the engine would not show a duty of more than 10,000,000 to 15,000,000, and that from 175 to 200 horse power was lost somewhere by the principle of the engine. The report, Mr. Lowry claims, was unfair in every particular.

The communication was laid on the table, and the motion to postpone indefinitely prevailed.

Ordinance providing for an increased supply of water in the city of Allegheny, passed in Select Council, and lost on second reading in Common Council, was brought up by a motion to reconsider, which motion prevailed. The ordinance failed on third reading for want of a legal majority.

Adjourned.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

SQUIRE MCMASTERS says he expects a visit from Grier to-day.

The stockholders of the Nation Trust Company met the late cashier last evening.

WALTON WOOLSEY, a prominent candidate for Mayor of Allegheny, is on the sick list.

DR. GEORGE P. HAYS is to lecture in the Presbyterian Church, Bridgewater, on New Year's evening.

A YARD engine broke an axle yesterday in the Pennsylvania Railroad yard, blocking the Allegheny Valley track.

Two new cases of smallpox were reported in Allegheny yesterday, one in the Third and the other in the Fourth ward.

JOHN TREEDO, an employee at French & Co.'s spring works, on Twenty-first street, fell from a ladder on Wednesday, sustaining a severe gash on his head.

THE two prize fighters, Howe and Savage, who engaged in a mill on the Monongahela wharf, were before Mayor McCarthy yesterday. Ten days in jail.

OVER one hundred and fifty car loads of ice have arrived at the Union Depot for the hotel and company ice houses. This ice was harvested from mountain streams, and is clear as crystal.

JAMES CAIRNES was before Alderman D. L. Smith to-day charged with selling goods under false representations. He was held for trial at court in the sum of three hundred dollars.

LAST night the engine of a Cleveland train collided with a freight train at the co ing of Washington avenue, Allegheny, and was badly wrecked. A misplaced switch caused the accident.

SAD, but true, that a promising young lawyer on the city came out of the library at the Court House and asked in evident perplexity who this Judd was whose reports were so frequently referred to.

MAYOR PHILLIPS, of Allegheny, sent the following persons to the Workhouse yesterday: Francis Miller, for vagrancy, thirty days; George Jacobs, the clock tinker, for abusing his wife, ninety days.

THE Euclid Avenue Opera House, Cleveland, is announced to be sold at Sheriff's sale on the 6th of January next, and is dated that Mr. William Coleman, of this city, proposes to bid in the property in if it can be had for $75,000.

IT has been suggested that the course over which Morris and Scharff rowed last fall be measured while the crews are there. This would settle the disputed question as to whether the course is an honest five-mile one.

THE police force of Allegheny would receive great favor upon the the public by bestowing some attention and labor upon the floor of the lobby of their station house. It is fearfully dirty state yesterday evening, the slush being half an inch deep.

A WOMAN named Baird, an employee of the Keystone Bridge Works in Lawrenceville, while working near a large flywheel on Wednesday, was struck by one of the arms. Her head was caught between the rim of the wheel and the floor and badly bruised.

FOUR companies of the regiment passed through the Union Depot yesterday morning en route to Washington City. The detachment belonged to an artillery regiment, and had been on duty at the Indian frontier. The regimental officers accompanied the troops.

JOHN MACK, a freight brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was run over by his train, at Lower Station, on Tuesday, and instantly killed. The deceased resided near Armagh, in Indiana county, and was only about twenty years of age. His remains were collised and taken home.

D. BOYLE, a laborer, residing on Forty-fifth street, Lawrenceville, was severely injured yesterday by the caving in of a bank on a side street in Lawrenceville, when he was making an excavation. Dr. Hamilton, of the Forty-sixty years of age, leaves a wife and several grown up children.

A CONVICT for the relief of the poor will be given in the Bellefield Presbyterian Church this evening, by W. B. Edwards and S. S. Colville, with other well known talent, assisted by Lessor Gittings, pianist. Tickets for sale at the horse car stations, Oakland, and T. B. McConnell's store, East Liberty.

SECOND DISTRICT, formerly a member of Councils, held a meeting this afternoon at the residence in the Fifteenth ward. Mr. Dietrich was quite a prominent man, and has always interested himself in politics, having been delegating to Lawrenceville. His many friends will regret to hear his demise.

THE Board of Directors of the Allegheny Home have made arrangements to provide the inmates of the institution with a treat on Christmas, at their individual expense. Superintendent Grubbs will give the children at the Home a Christmas tree, in the shape of candies and other good things.

AN explosion occurred on Wednesday afternoon in the rear of the Eagle Oil Works, on Liberty street, Allegheny, which was badly injured. The family of the injured reside in the city. His brother, William Smith, a printer working in the office of the *Telegraph*, left for New Castle on receipt of the news of the accident.

THE preliminary examination of ward school pupils, for admission to the Central High School classes, is being made by Superintendent Luckey and the High school faculty. Five hundred and seventy-five pupils were in attendance at the High school yesterday. The examination is in reading, writing, mental arithmetic, drawing and geography.

A WOMAN named Rapp stated to the Secretary of the Allegheny Poor Board yesterday that one of her children had died of smallpox at her house, No. 35 Third alley. She also stated that since last Friday she had been confined to the house visited by the city physician for the same disease, no doctor or undertaker having been near the place, and that her child had died through neglect.

A boy nine years of age, giving the name of Fisher, was found in King's stable, on Center avenue, at an early hour yesterday, by a police officer. The lad was nearly frozen, having lain in the stable from nine o'clock Wednesday night until four o'clock yesterday. The officer was conveyed to the lock up, thawed out and taken to his home. It is thought he was playing truant.

THE house of John D. Chambers, on East Minden street, Wa-hington, Pa., was entered by burglars on Monday night, and a gold watch valued at four hundred dollars, some silver jewelry and household articles stolen. About the same time the house of G. Stewart Esq., on the opposite corner was robbed of a lady's fine gold watch, breastpin and jewelry. There is no clue to the robbers.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

The attendance at the Opera House last night was the largest of the week, and Miss Maggie Mitchell, Messrs. Harris, Gotthold and Lewis gave a splendid performance of "Mignon." Everybody praises the play.

This evening Miss Mitchell will have her farewell benefit, and should have a full house. "Mignon" will be played.

"Not Guilty."

During Holiday week at the Opera House, Watts Phillips' splendid melodrama, "Not Guilty," will be produced at each performance, with N. Scottoni as Count Ugo, Robert Arnold, and Mr. Stockwell and the other members of the company in the cast. The piece will be magnificently mounted with new scenery, furniture, etc. "Not Guilty" will have its first presentation at the matinee on Christmas day.

Library Hall—Rivers n.

The California minstrels were honored with an audience that left very few seats vacant in the theater, last night. Everything done on the stage was applauded or laughed at, showing that the efforts of the troupe to please were duly appreciated. No organization of its kind equal to it in solid merit is now travelling, and no one who likes a good minstrel performance should fail to hear and see it. The stay of the troupe will close with Saturday evening. A matinee will be given to-morrow.

Rose Eytinge.

This talented actress will begin an engagement of one week at Library Hall on Monday, when two performances will be given. Miss Eytinge will be given, with Miss Eytinge as *Constance*. On Tuesday and each succeeding evening of the week, and at Saturday matinee, she will impersonate *Gabrielle LeBrun* in George Fawcett Rowe's play, "The Geneva Cross," which, with the same lady in the leading *role*, had an extended run on the occasion of its first presentation in New York in 1873. She played at the Grand Opera House, Cincinnati, on Monday night, for the benefit of the Brooklyn sufferers, and has tendered her services for one week to the general committee in New York, for the same praiseworthy object.

Little Fire in Allegheny.

About midnight fire was discovered in a small frame house on Irwin avenue, near Washington street. The prompt action and well directed efforts of the firemen saved the building from destruction. The damage was very small. Detective Reno, of the Eleventh ward, and Kerr, of the Third ward, led off with speeches against the ordinance, maintaining that the Councils had no right to cede any part of the "common ground" for any purpose. Mr. Sholes, of the Second ward, favored the ordinance. Mr. Wilson said the railroad people only ask fifteen feet of the "common ground" along Federal street, running back 65 feet. For granting this the city will be the gainer, as the railroad company would erect a depot that would at once be an ornament and a benefit to the city. It was not proposed to occupy the "common ground" with buildings, but only with a porch and sheds for the accommodation of passengers.

More Shoplifting.

Officer Mitchell yesterday arrested two more women on the charge of stealing goods at Wm. Semple's store, on Federal street, Allegheny. Their names are Emma Holtzman and Mary Livermore. The first named entered bail for court, and the other was committed to jail.

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ADDITIONAL MARKETS.

Cotton.

GALVESTON, December 21.—Market firmer; middling 11¾c. Mobile—Market firm; middling 11⅜@11¾c. Savannah—Market firm; middling 11⅜c. Charleston—Market strong; middling 11¾@11⅞c.

Live Stock.

BUFFALO, December 21.—Cattle—Receipts 229 head; total for the week 5,315 head. No market to-day; fresh arrivals through commitments; only sales 10 cars at weak yesterday's prices.

Sheep and lambs—Receipt 600 head; total for the week 9,200 head. Market quiet; sales 12 cars.

Hogs—Receipts 3,150 head; total for the week 12,460 head. Market dull and slow; Yorkers $5 25@5 75; heavy $5 70@6 10. Sales 13 cars; 39 cars unsold.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

EVANSVILLE, December 21.—Weather chiefly clear; mercury 30 to 44. River swelled 3¾ inches to-day; is gorged at West Franklin; no departures and return, and Robert Lee, Pottsville and return, are all the arrivals to-day. No business.

LOUISVILLE, December 21.—Weather cool and clear. No noticeable change in river.

CINCINNATI, December 21.—River unchanged. Weather nearly clear; during the day cloudy; foggy to-night.

CAIRO, December 21.—Navigation is still suspended. River 1 foot 9 inches, a slight rise caused by the gorge below. Weather clear; mercury 34.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—No arrivals or departurss. Raining all day.

VICKSBURG, December 21.—Weather cloudy and cool; rain to-day. River fell 5 inches. Down—Grand Republic. Up—Donnally.

LITTLE ROCK, December 21.—River 2 feet. Weather warm and misty. Departed—Pine Bluff, below.

MEMPHIS, December 21.—River fell 3 inches. Mercury 53. No arrivals or departures. The ice has commenced running in the river. The John Scudder, James D. Parker, Ashland, P. Schenck, Sherlock, Mary Houston and C. B. Church are laid up here with over 500 tons of northern-bound freight, chiefly sugar and molasses.

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THINGS USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL.

Some of the Leading Emporiums from Whence are Drawn Our Supplies of Holiday Goods.

To-day and to-morrow thousands of readers of the COMMERCIAL will be busy making their selections for the holidays; and, as the task of finding exactly what suits this one or that one is a very delicate and difficult one, we have, for the convenience of our readers, thrown together brief descriptions of some of the places most frequented by those in search of presents suitable for the season. The various places will be found to embrace an endless variety of goods, suited to all tastes, and to all classes of buyers. In looking over the list, persons who have not yet determined what to buy will be assisted in coming to a conclusion—as the taste must be fastidious indeed which does not discern here very many of just such articles as it is fitting and proper to bestow upon those who are beloved, and who are to be made happy in the receipt of these tokens of love and affection. By taking this list and then determining what to purchase, the rest is easy and holiday shopping is relieved of many of its annoyances.

JOSEPH HORNE & CO.

Our readers need no formal introduction to this well known and extensive establishment, for it has held a place in the minds of buyers of the class of goods they represent for a long number of years, until the firm name has become a household word. The retail stores of this firm, located at Nos. 77 and 199 Penn avenue, are just now the great center of attraction to purchasers of holiday goods. Enter the capacious warerooms when you may one will find it crowded with an eager and busy throng of buyers, and we know of no place in the two cities where one can make better or more appropriate selections for the interchange of the compliments of the season than right here. On every hand is displayed a tempting array of the useful and ornamental—suitable for old and young, male and female, at a few cents or many dollars expenditure.

JOHN MACK, a freight brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was run over by his train, at Lower Station, on Tuesday, and instantly killed. The deceased resided near Armagh, in Indiana county, and was only about twenty years of age. His remains were collised and taken home.

D. BOYLE, a laborer, residing on Forty-fifth street, Lawrenceville, was severely injured yesterday by the caving in of a bank on a side street in Lawrenceville, when he was making an excavation. Dr. Hamilton, of the Forty-sixty years of age, leaves a wife and several grown up children.

A CONCERT for the relief of the poor will be given in the Bellefield Presbyterian Church this evening, by W. B. Edwards and S. S. Colville, with other well known talent, assisted by Lessor Gittings, pianist. Tickets for sale at the horse car stations, Oakland, and T. B. McConnell's store, East Liberty.

SECOND DISTRICT, formerly a member of Councils, held a meeting this afternoon at the residence in the Fifteenth ward. Mr. Dietrich was quite a prominent man, and has always interested himself in politics, having been delegating to Lawrenceville. His many friends will regret to hear his demise.

THE Board of Directors of the Allegheny Home have made arrangements to provide the inmates of the institution with a treat on Christmas, at their individual expense. Superintendent Grubbs will give the children at the Home a Christmas tree, in the shape of candies and other good things.

An explosion occurred on Wednesday afternoon in the rear of the Eagle Oil Works, on Liberty street, Allegheny, which was badly injured. The family of the injured reside in the city. His brother, William Smith, a printer working in the office of the *Telegraph*, left for New Castle on receipt of the news of the accident.

THE preliminary examination of ward school pupils, for admission to the Central High School classes, is being made by Superintendent Luckey and the High school faculty. Five hundred and seventy-five pupils were in attendance at the High school yesterday. The examination is in reading, writing, mental arithmetic, drawing and geography.

A WOMAN named Rapp stated to the Secretary of the Allegheny Poor Board yesterday that one of her children had died of smallpox at her house, No. 35 Third alley. She also stated that since last Friday she had been confined to the house visited by the city physician for the same disease, no doctor or undertaker having been near the place, and that her child had died through neglect.

A boy nine years of age, giving the name of Fisher, was found in King's stable, on Center avenue, at an early hour yesterday, by a police officer. The lad was nearly frozen, having lain in the stable from nine o'clock Wednesday night until four o'clock yesterday. The officer was conveyed to the lock up, thawed out and taken to his home. It is thought he was playing truant.

The house of John D. Chambers, on East Minden street, Wa-hington, Pa., was entered by burglars on Monday night, and a gold watch valued at four hundred dollars, some silver jewelry and household articles stolen. About the same time the house of G. Stewart Esq., on the opposite corner was robbed of a lady's fine gold watch, breastpin and jewelry. There is no clue to the robbers.

S. HAMILTON.

There is no more desirable holiday gift than a piano or organ, and no one requiring greater care and judgment in the selection. Artistic excellence lies at the foundation of the gift, and it is expected to last a lifetime. Hence there should be no mistake in making a proper selection—getting the very best instrument to be had for the money you have to expend. Those who patronize Mr. S. Hamilton, the enterprising dealer, 87 Fifth avenue, will be convinced that in both these essentials they have hit the mark, and no mistake. The instruments are the most perfect in workmanship and unequaled in quality, receiving the highest praise from the most skilled judges, and being indorsed by the popular judgment of our own people, who purchase more of them than of any two other makes combined. These instruments are the matchless Decker Pianos and Great Estey Cottage Organs, and the only place to buy them is of course at S. Hamilton's. Prices have been so very much reduced at Hamilton's that you can get a genuine good piano (warranted) for $250 in pay ments, while Haines Bros. Pianos can be bought as low as $275, while the matchless Decker Bros. Pianos are *actually reduced as low as* $500, while you can get a first-class organ as low as $50 to $75. These the payments are made to suit the purchaser. So make home happy when you can do so very easy by paying $25 to $50 down and $10 to $20 per month for an elegant piano or organ at Hamilton's, 87 Fifth avenue. Remember the place, and do not buy elsewhere until you have seen Hamilton's stock.

D. M. JENKINS.

The "Old Tea House," located at No. 20 Fifth avenue, is the favorite with many purchasers in their line of goods, and particularly is this the case with those desiring to purchase choice teas and condiments for the Christmas feast. This house wish their numerous customers a merry Christmas, and present the following array of good things for their consideration:

Christmas Plum Pudding.
Lajhorn Citron.
Candied Orange and Lemon Peel.
Choice Zante Currants.
Seedless Raisins.
Mince Meat in Glass Jars.
Chinese Tea Pots.
Odental Jars.
Truffles de Perigord.
Pate de Foies Gras.
Olives stuffed with Anchovies.
French Mushrooms and Peas.
Green Turtle and Terrapin Soup.
Various Delicacies.
English Cocoas.
Genuine Mocha Coffee.
Christmas candies.

The choicest selection of goods offered by this establishment at all times are too well known to need any commendation at our hands more than to say to our numerous patrons that you have not already made your purchases for the holidays, you will do well to call at No. 20 Fifth avenue, and make your selections without delay.

F. H. EATON & CO.

Every Pittsburgher is familiar with this old and reliable trimming and notion house. It is one of the institutions of the Smoky City, and its fame among the ladies is extensive with the fashionable community. The firm is always up to the demands of the times, and whatever may be required, in their line of trade, is always sure to be had, here, in the latest style. The present stock is unusually large, rich and attractive, and we will attempt to describe it in detail. We might mention specially ladies' silk bows and ties, silk handkerchiefs, beautiful dark colored scarfs, matchless cloaks, hats, bonnets and children's furnishing goods in large variety. Marked taste has been displayed in selecting the goods; and no one not fully versed in the business, and experienced as a buyer, could so happily cater to the wants of all classes of customers. The salesroom presents a busy scene this month as well as it does during the holiday season, to "take in the fashions." To still further accommodate their hosts of patrons they have decided not to close their doors until nine o'clock each evening this week, thus affording a very desirable opportunity to hundreds whose time is occupied all day to make their purchases after a look—either mental or extra long—or a dress pattern in silk or less expensive material, should call and examine the stock of Mr. Moorhouse.

H. J. ADAMS.

H. J. Adams, 98 Fifth avenue, offers special and unusual inducements to those in quest of articles suitable for holiday gifts. His